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**Health Department and Tails of Hope Offer Microchip Clinic
for Pets during Walkathon on June 1**

Every summer countless dogs and cats are lost due to lack of proper identification. To address this concern, Animal Control of the Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center and Tails of Hope will host a microchip clinic on Sunday, June 1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Old School Forest Preserve located on St. Mary's Road, just south of Route 176 in Libertyville. The microchip clinic will complement a Tails of Hope walk-a-thon at the forest preserve from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

At the clinic, pet owners can have their dog or cat permanently identified with an American Veterinary Identification Device (AVID) Microchip for a fee of \$10.00. All dogs must be leashed and cats need to be in a carrier. The clinic is open to all Lake

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County residents.

The AVID Microchip is a tiny computer chip that has an identification number programmed into it. This microchip is encapsulated within biocompatible material. The whole device is small enough to fit into a hypodermic needle and can be simply injected under the skin of a pet where it will stay for the life of the animal. This provides a permanent positive identification that cannot be lost, altered or intentionally removed. It is a safe, simple and inexpensive way to protect your pet against loss or theft. In the first five years of the AVID Animal Identification System, the AVID Microchip reunited more than 75,000 pets with their families.

Prior registration for the walkathon is unnecessary, but preferred. Please call (847) 549-1711 to register and for more information. For more information on the microchip clinic, please call the Health Department's Animal Control facility at (847) 949-9925.

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